New Haven Nov. 28th. 1829. Saturday. A.M.

My dear Brother

I have been just ready to cry all the morning & as I have nothing of more importance to communicate I will explain the cause of my sadness. — You must know then that it is our Thanksgiving week. I came down here last week knowing it to be the intention of brother George & sister Sarah to spend this anniversary in Farmington & consequently urged them to go without any reference to my being here. They went therefore on Wednesday & left the two youngest children at home

On Thursday Sophia & Ann arrived quite unexpectedly the latter on her return to Hartford the former to accompany her. They remained with me untill this morning & then left at six o'clock in the stage for Southington where they will continue untill Monday. I felt extremely desirous to go with them & should have done so but that Louisa was quite sick yesterday & Sarah has not returned. We expected them certainly last evening but either necessity or inclination has detained them — to day being Saturday they must come, but as the family was placed in my especial charge I did not think it right to leave them. — And this is the reason that I am sad. Besides the wish to enjoy the society of sister S— so long as she remains in Conn- I know that I shall be needed at home during their visit & I know not when I have been compelled to exercise greater self denial. Sophia thinks of returning down the Conn. river & if not, she will only pass through this place without calling, so that I do not expect to see her again I have not received intelligence from you since your letter of Sept. 21. to Charles but hope that a letter may have arrived in Southington before this, which I shall receive by G— this afternoon— When I feel as I do now, my thoughts turn to you, & your brotherly kindness & affection seem doubly dear to me—

Without the assurance that I am thus remembered by my far distant brother I should have many sadder hours than I now experience, but this consciousness dispels the gathering gloom & my heart is thrilled with delight & joy— Tears, often flow but they are not those of grief— I have not words to express my desire to see you, Theresa & the little Mary, yet a long cold winter & then a spring must intervene before I can possibly hope to be thus gratified. But these seasons will soon pass away & then with what intense anxiety shall we await your arrival. — But ah! this short period even, may make sad inroads upon us for neither side of the Atlantic is exempt from the ravages of disease & death— I have been somewhat apprehensive for a few days that I should not find leisure to write you at this time & thus lead you again to conclude that I had forgotten you, or been negligent or something else, as far from the right cause. But to day I have found myself quite at leisure & have thus far had but one interruption from company. Louisa & Edward however have spent part of the time with me & have not contributed much to the beauty of the penmanship or the correctness of the composition. They are both fond of noise—

I accidentally (not long since opened) & read a letter of yours to Father in which you spoke of the probability that you might have a Professorship at Amherst. You remarked respecting it that "it would be like leaving the vine to reign over the bramble!" They have there 207 students & probably would not thank you for the remark. — Apropos — some of the good people in this beautiful city are desirous that you should make this your residence though I do not know what employment they would give you here. Mr Bacon called at brother C— a few weeks since & there spoke of it & said he wished Mr Gibbs would go back to Andover. I saw Mr Ethan Andrews at store he inquired after you & said he hoped you would find something to do here & would not return to that cold climate of A—. It is needless to say how happy we should all be if it should appear advisable for you to settle here

I have had a present from Sister Nancy of the "Atlantic Souvenir" the beautiful annual published at Philadelphia. I have not yet read the contents but the engravings are very fine & improved astonishingly since the first appearance in 1826 - nothing can be more beautiful or more appropriate for presents than these volumes. There is a great variety of them but three I believe however are published in this country viz the one mentioned, The Talisman, N.Y. & The Token, Boston. These tokens of affection from my friends are extremely gratifying & I have been so favored as to receive three in as many years from my three American sisters — I have not been in N. H. long enough to learn much that is new, as I have been out little & seen few of the inhabitants. The principal subject of conversation at present is the fitting off for Greece, of Mr Brewer & Lady - & a Miss Reynolds. They sail next month & are to be supported mostly by the liberality of the people of this city - aided however as I understand from Boston. The new Episcopal Chapel is nearly completed & is a very handsome edifice, but the man who was to occupy it has left the society with little ceremony & accepted a call to Philadelphia. His name was Hawks a Carolinian; they thought much of & have done much for him but he at last has disappointed them — Dr Taylor preaches for the third society in their new house which was dedicated last Spring - The College is very flourishing more than one hundred entered the Freshman Class this fall — Mr Andrews' prospects for his Female Institute are very encouraging. The terms are $300 per annum exclusive of bed & bedding. He has already nearly thirty scholars, is located east of the new green, & has a fine & extensive establishment —

Evening 1/2 past 6. Our friends have this moment arrived, & tis but half an hour to the closing of the mail the last to be in time for the present ship - Your letter of Oct 10 - has arrived & I have given it a hasty perusal. Theresa has my warmest sympathy in this time of affliction — I am rejoiced to hear of the good health of little Mary & long to imprint a warm & heart felt kiss upon her fat cheek - Every letter seems to bring you vividly before me & I can almost fancy that I hear your voice - O! for the day when we shall meet again! Our friends at Torrington are all well. Nancy in a note informs me that my little namesake improves somewhat in her conduct & she hopes when "she is two or three years old she will appear quite decent"! — She is however quite a troublesome child & keeps her mother in feeble health — Cornelia is very well & says she wishes Uncle Eddy Aunt Lucy & Cousin Mary would come up & see her —— It is needless to say how with what sincere welcome we should have received you had it been possible for you to come at this season, but it is undoubtedly best as it is — I must close as brother G—'s clerk is waiting to carry this to the office - with the warmest love for you all I remain your affection

Love, love, love warm & sincere from all

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